

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in view of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 remain pending in this case, and Claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 10 and 12 are amended. The Claims have been amended to correct cosmetic matters of form, and no new matter is presented.

In the outstanding *Ex Parte Quayle* Office Action, the application was indicated as being allowed except for minor informalities.

The drawings were objected to because reference characters "A" and "B" were used to designate multiple features in Fig. 3. In response, Fig. 3 has been amended so that reference character "Sm" designates the straight line group, and reference character "Im" designates the inclined mark group. The specification is amended to reflect these changes.

Further, the drawings were objected to because they failed to include reference characters "32", "41r", and "41f", as mentioned in the specification. In response, the reference to "roller 32" in the specification is amended to recite "roller 50", to appropriately reference the roller identified by reference character "50" in Fig. 2. Also, Fig. 11 is amended to depict the front side "optical sensor 41f" and rear side "optical sensor 41r" described in the specification. Support for this amendment can be found at page 12, lines 3-6 of the specification, and at Fig. 2, which depicts a side view showing the location of optical sensor 41.

The specification was objected to because the reference to Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. "2000-207338", at page 2, lines 15-16 of the specification was incorrect. The specification is amended to instead reference Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. "2002-207338". Accordingly, a corrected 1449 along with the cited reference

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is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the enclosed reference be considered, and an initialed copy of the enclosed 1449 be returned in a subsequent correspondence.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 10 and 12 were objected to because of minor informalities. In response, Applicant has incorporated the amendments recommended in the Official Action and these rejections are believed to be overcome.

Accordingly, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Fig. 3 and Fig. 11. These sheets, which include Fig. 3 and Fig. 11, replace the original sheets including Fig. 3 and Fig. 11.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (2)